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## Student government supports BAS major

Ryan Rendleman  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Undergraduate Student Government cast its vote Wednesday night in favor of expanding the university's Black American Studies program.

After a lengthy discussion, senators voted to support a major for the BAS program, which began at SIUC in 1968. Many senators urged the university to make a degree in the program a priority for the university.

Both an internal and external review in the fall called for additional resources to create a major. The external review stated the university has neglected the program for too long, and has failed to keep up with similar departments at other universities.

USG Vice President Paul Ogwal, who helped write the resolution, said the creation of a major is long overdue. Ogwal said his support stems from the program's ability to educate all students. He said it is a key part of America's history.

"The Black American Studies program is instrumental in educating students in black American history from a very diverse mix of faculty and professors," Ogwal said.

Sen. Demetrous White — who represents the College of Liberal Arts in which the program resides — said BAS needs an option for a major. He said the university has neglected to act on the issue and the recent external review indicated the major would work with proper resources.

"We want the university to actually take this issue seriously and do all that they can to make this happen," he said. "The students for years have been requesting such a program to become a major, and year after year after year they've given us the run around."

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DAN CELVI ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Laura Dreuth-Zeman, an associate professor of social work, and John Warren, an associate professor of speech communication, work at the voting table for faculty to accept or reject the proposed contract. Nearly all voting members of the faculty union approved the contract terms, but the Board of Trustees' approval is required for the deal to go through.

## Faculty union approves contract

### BOT approval required for deal

Brandon Weisenberger  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The faculty union gave a thumbs up to a tentative contract deal with the Board of Trustees Wednesday. Nearly all voting members approved the terms.

More money and more faculty power in tenure decisions are included in the agreement, which requires board approval before it goes into effect.

Faculty Association Vice President Lenore Langsdorf said 94 percent of union members who voted approved the terms.

Trustees could vote to accept or deny the deal as early as April 12 when they meet at SIU-Edwardsville.

"This contract is a positive step forward for this university and the entire community," said Faculty Association member Mark Amos, an associate professor of English.

Negotiators for the union and BOT reached a tentative agreement Feb. 15 after eight months of bargaining.

During that time, multiple deadlocks occurred as the sides could not agree on salary issues and a Faculty Association request for the university to give professors more say in tenure decisions.

Langsdorf, a professor of speech communication, said union members cast votes Tuesday and Wednesday in the Student Center. A four-member committee tallied the ballots before announcing the results Wednesday afternoon.

She would not say how many faculty members voted because the union wants to focus on the 94 percent approval.

The faculty and university have operated under terms of the old contract that expired June 30, two and a half weeks after bargaining began for a new agreement.

One portion of the tentative agreement grants a panel of faculty members more say when an associate or assistant professor, who is denied a promotion, appeals the administration's decision.

The panel can decide whether the review process was fair and vote to make administrators consider the faculty member's application for promotion again.

SIU administrators have also pledged more than \$3 million in faculty wage increases.

The board's contract spokesman Gary Kolb and interim Chancellor John Dunn have hailed the tentative agreement as historic. It is the first deal reached

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#### Reaching a deal

- ▶ June 12, 2006  
First bargaining session
- ▶ June 30, 2006  
Old contract expires
- ▶ Oct. 18, 2006  
Union rejects BOT offer
- ▶ Dec. 16, 2006  
Union presents counterproposal
- ▶ Feb. 15, 2007  
Tentative agreement reached
- ▶ March 7, 2007  
Union approves deal

Nick Brimeyer ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

## Governor proposes largest tax increase in state history

### Blagojevich proposes 1.9 percent budget increase for university

Sean McGahan  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposed budget for the 2008 fiscal year is a step in the right direction for the SIU system, President Glenn Poshard said Wednesday.

The budget — presented to Poshard and others in Springfield Wednesday — calls for a 1.9 percent, or \$4.1 million, increase for SIU's operational budget over fiscal year 2007, Poshard said.

"All in all, I think the budget is a good budget for us," Poshard said. "It's certainly better than two, three, four years ago, and I think as we get further down the road into the suc-

ceeding years, I think you're going to see us get more funds into higher education."

In 2002, the university was dealt an 8.2 percent budget cut. This year's proposed increase is the largest SIUC has seen since.

The governor proposed \$1.5 billion in education spending for the year, but Poshard said most of that would go toward funding for K-12. Poshard said this is typically the case.

"Higher education never gets as much money as K-12, because the K-12 system is so vast, but we are getting a 1.9 percent increase in the

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#### Highlights of proposal

• **BOTTOM LINE:** \$45.7 billion in operating expenses, an increase of 7.4 percent, plus \$11 billion in construction and maintenance costs.

• **WHERE IT GOES:** 38.7 percent to education; 29.2 percent welfare; 20.1 percent human services; 5.4 percent public safety; 3.6 percent government services; 1 percent economic development; 0.3 percent business and environmental regulation.

• **EDUCATION:** \$1.5 billion in new funding. Another \$1.5 billion in construction funds would help districts build new schools and repair old ones.

• **PENSIONS:** More than \$27 billion would be placed in government retirement systems.

Source: The Associated Press

### Republican lawmakers fear new business tax would hurt economy

Andrea Zimmermann  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Illinois would see the largest tax increase in its history under Gov. Rod Blagojevich's plan to provide health care for the uninsured and ramp up state support for education.

"The choice is simple: We can let the pension challenge worsen or have corporations pay their fair share," he said Wednesday in his 33-minute State of the State address.

In all, Blagojevich's budget calls for a record \$60.1 billion in spending, a 9.5 percent increase over the current year.

Blagojevich presented a sweeping proposal to make health insur-

ance available to anyone who wants it, an idea he called "a moral imperative."

He called on lawmakers to support "Illinois Covered," his \$2.1 billion plan to offer free coverage to the poor and subsidize coverage for the working poor and middle class. The administration says the plan would cost about \$280 million the first year.

To finance his landmark proposals for healthcare and education, Blagojevich called for a gross receipts tax, which he said would target large corporations, not small businesses or consumers.

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# Inspector: Iraq war rushed

Weapons expert says United States should have been patient

Alejandro Gonzalez  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As a U.N. weapons inspector who searched for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, Hans Blix said the war could have been avoided if more time was given to the weapons inspectors.

Blix, chairman of the International Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction, presented the 2007 SIU School of Law Hiram H. Lesar Lecture Wednesday to a full house in the Student Center Ballrooms.

In his lecture, "Disarming Iraq," Blix discussed events leading to the war with Iraq in 2003. He said the war could have easily been avoided.

"Had we been allowed to continue inspection for a few months — which a majority of the U.N. Security Council wanted — we would have been able to avoid the war in Iraq," Blix said. "No weapons would have been found."

Blix is a Swedish diplomat who led the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission from January 2000 to June 2003, when the Bush administration believed Iraq had weapons of mass destruction.

Although weapons weren't found, Blix said he doesn't blame the United States for thinking Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, because he had a gut feeling they were there.

"Most people, including myself, thought so at that time in the autumn of 2002 because we had seen how inspectors were stopped during the meetings," Blix said.

He said the United States entered the war to end terrorism, but its actions have had the opposite effect.

"It was to be a stop to terrorism, but it has created more terrorism — a breeding ground for terrorism," Blix said.

Mike Lawrence, director of the Paul Simon



**Former U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix speaks in the Student Center ballrooms** Wednesday for an SIU School of Law lecture. Blix said the United States could have avoided the war in Iraq if the government had been more patient.

Public Policy Institute, said after Blix's lecture that the government didn't have enough information to invade Iraq.

"I think he made a good point that we need to have all the information we can get before we commit U.S. troops to combat," he said. "In the case of Iraq, we may well have gone into the country prematurely."

Unlike in the Gulf War, the United States also went without support, Lawrence said.

"He made the point that the elder Bush rallied the international community behind our effort," Lawrence said. "The current President Bush did not achieve that kind of support before he committed us to Iraq."

Lawrence said he liked what Blix said about

nuclear weapons around the world.

"I thought it was encouraging that he thought there is an opportunity to reduce the number of nuclear weapons in the world and ultimately eliminate them," he said.

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WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS

Student kills self in front of peers

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Police on Wednesday said a Greenville High School student shot and killed himself in front of fellow students in the school band hall.

The Greenville Herald-Banner quotes witnesses as saying the student entered the hall early Wednesday and shot himself in front of several students.

A school district spokesman in the Northeast Texas town said the school was locked down, but a police dispatcher says the situation is under control.

Greenville is a city of about 26,000 residents about 45 miles northeast of Dallas. Greenville High School has an enrollment of about 5,200 students.

HONG KONG

Pet dog slaughter planned in China

HONG KONG (AP) — All pet dogs will be killed in a district of the southwestern Chinese city of Chongging as part of an anti-rabies campaign, the government said.

Residents of the city’s Wanzhou district have until March 15 to hand over their dogs, according to a directive seen Wednesday on the district’s official Web site.

“All the dogs in the area should be killed. A compulsory cull phase will begin after March 16. The forced cull will be carried out by the police,” the directive said.

The statement said government guard dogs and those animals kept for research institutions, military and commercial purposes would be spared.

SAN ANTONIO

Infants’ bodies found under house

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The bodies of two young children, no older than toddlers, were found wrapped in plastic bags under a house on the city’s southwest side, police said Wednesday.

Residents of a triplex were searching under the house late Tuesday after smelling a foul odor for as long as two weeks. They found two black plastic bags containing the decomposing bodies of small children, said police Sgt. Gabe Trevino. The officers who arrived on the scene reported that one of the bag’s contained an infant wrapped in a blanket, according to the police report.

The medical examiner will determine the children’s ages, gender and cause of death, but Trevino said police believe the children were between the ages of 6 months and 2 years old. prove his reports were based on open sources, Kommersant said.

With prosecutors investigating the death, Kommersant and some other media suggested foul play.

IRAQ

Bomb kills soldiers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A powerful bomb killed three American soldiers trying to clear explosives from a highway near Baghdad on Wednesday, and a suicide attacker blew himself up in a cafe northeast of the capital, killing 30 people and wounding dozens.

The deadly assaults occurred as Iraqi security forces struggled to protect more than 1 million Shiite pilgrims streaming toward the holy city of Karbala for annual religious rituals — and facing a string of attacks along the way that have claimed more than 150 lives in two days.

They included 22 people — 12 police commandos and 10 civilians — who died Wednesday in a car bombing at a checkpoint in southern Baghdad set up to protect pilgrims, the U.S. military said. An Iraqi TV cameraman working for a Shiite-owned station was among the civilian dead, his station said.

Gates urges school, immigration reform

Nancy Zuckerbrod  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates told Congress on Wednesday that overhauls of the nation’s schools and immigration laws are urgently needed to keep jobs from going overseas.

“The U.S. cannot maintain its economic leadership unless our work force consists of people who have the knowledge and skills needed to drive innovation,” Gates told the Senate committee that oversees labor and education issues.

Gates, whose charitable foundation has given away more than \$3 billion since 1999 for educational programs and scholarships, noted that about 30 percent of U.S. ninth-graders fail to graduate on time. “As a nation, we should start with this goal: Every child in the United States graduating from high school,” he said.

Gates also challenged lawmakers to push for higher educational standards and to make more challenging coursework available to students.

A federal study released last month showed about a third of high schoolers fail to take a standard-level curriculum, which is defined as including at least four credits of English and three credits each of social studies, math and science.

Gates also called on lawmakers to give more resources and attention to improving the teaching of math and science



Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft, testifies at a Senate hearing on American competitiveness in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday.

— knowledge essential to many of today’s jobs. Another recent federal

study found 40 percent of high school seniors failed to perform at the basic level on a national math test. On a national science test, half of 12th-graders didn’t show basic skills.

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“The U.S. cannot maintain its economic leadership unless our work force consists of people who have the knowledge and skills needed to drive innovation.

— Bill Gates  
Microsoft chairman

NASA fires love triangle astronaut

Mike Schneider  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida — Astronaut Lisa Nowak was fired from NASA on Wednesday, a month after she was charged with trying to kidnap a woman she regarded as her romantic rival for the affection of a space shuttle pilot.

NASA officials said Nowak’s dismissal did not reflect the space agency’s belief in her guilt or innocence. The agency said it lacked an administrative system to handle the allegations.

“Because Nowak is a naval officer on assignment to NASA, rather than a NASA civil servant, she is not subject to administrative action by NASA,” agency officials said in a statement.

Nowak’s firing marked the first time NASA has publicly dismissed an astronaut, said space historian Roger Launius of the Smithsonian Institution. She is also the first active astronaut to be charged with a felony, he said.

Nowak, a mother of three, is accused of confronting the woman at the Orlando airport after driving from Houston while wearing an astronaut diaper so that she would not have to stop.

She allegedly pepper-sprayed the woman through a partially lowered car window. In Nowak’s vehicle, police found a BB gun, new steel mallet, a knife and rubber tubing.

Investigation documents released late Monday and Tuesday by the Orange-Osceola State Attorney’s Office shed some light on the astronauts’ relationships.

They include the shuttle pilot, Navy Cmdr. William Oefelein’s, conversations with detectives about the romantic relationship he had had with Nowak since 2004 and how she reacted with no emotion when he said he was dating another woman.

“She seemed a little disappointed, but she seemed to be accepting of that,” Oefelein told detectives, according to the documents.

The documents also include an undated letter to Oefelein’s mother in which Nowak wrote that she was taking steps to divorce her husband so she could be with Oefelein.

Since her arrest, Nowak, has told police that her relationship with Oefelein was more than a working relationship but less than a romantic one. But Oefelein, 41, told investigators they had been romantically involved since 2004.

Nowak’s frantic road trip to confront Shipman — she wore adult diapers to avoid having to stop for breaks — may have been sparked after she uncovered steamy e-mails Shipman sent to Oefelein, including one he received during his mission aboard the shuttle Discovery in December, according to documents released Monday. The e-mails do not mention Nowak.

neering,” Gates said.

Legislation moving through the Senate, backed by Democratic and Republican leaders, seeks to get more people to become math and science teachers and would improve training for them. The bill also seeks to get more highly trained teachers in poor schools and would offer grants to states to better align their teaching with what kids should know to succeed at a job or in college.

Gates said the nation’s economy depends on keeping the country’s borders open to highly skilled workers, especially those with a science or engineering background. Federal law provides 65,000 H1-B visas for scientists, engineers,

computer programmers and other professionals every budget year. High-tech and other employers say that’s not enough.

“Even though it may not be realistic, I don’t think there should be any limit,” Gates said, adding that Microsoft hasn’t been able to fill approximately 3,000 technical jobs in the United States because of a shortage of skilled workers.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, said the issue would be addressed when Congress takes up broad immigration reform legislation this session. President Bush has expressed support for raising the visa cap.

Man found guilty in girl’s rape, death

Curt Anderson  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — A sex offender was found guilty Wednesday of kidnapping and raping a 9-year-old girl and burying her alive in a case that led to a crackdown around the country on people convicted of sex crimes.

Jurors deliberated about four hours before returning the verdict against John Evander Couey in the slaying of Jessica Lunsford, who was snatched from her bedroom in 2005 about 150 yards from the trailer where Couey had been living.

Her body was found in a shallow hole, encased in two black plastic trash bags.

She had suffocated, and was found clutching a purple stuffed dolphin.

The jury next must decide whether Couey, 48, should get death by injection or life in prison.

Couey stood staring straight ahead and swaying slightly as the verdicts were read. Jessica’s father, Mark Lunsford, who has helped push efforts for tougher monitoring of sex offenders, showed no emotion.

Couey admitted to investigators shortly after his arrest that he committed the crime, but the confession was thrown out because he did not have a lawyer present as he had requested.

The evidence at trial included DNA from Jessica’s blood and Couey’s semen on a mattress in his bedroom, as well as Jessica’s fingerprints in a closet in the trailer.

Jail guards and investigators testified that Couey repeatedly admitted details of the slaying after his arrest and that he insisted he had not meant to kill the third-grader but panicked as police searched for her.

Couey had a record as a sex offender. In 1991, he was arrested on a charge of fondling a child.

In 1978, he was accused of grabbing a girl in her bedroom, placing his hand over her mouth and kissing her.

But authorities had not known that Couey was living near the Lunsford home even though he was required to tell them he had moved.

Jessica’s killing prompted Florida and a number of other states to pass new laws cracking down on sex offenders and improve tracking of them through databases and satellite positioning devices.

Sentencing is to begin Tuesday. A psychologist testified for the defense that Couey has signs of mental illness and mental retardation, mitigating circumstances that could help spare him the death penalty.

Couey spent much of the trial drawing with colored pencils.



USG

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Not all of the senators were in support of passing the resolution.

Matt Picchietti, a junior from Champaign studying psychology, said he wasn't against a BAS major, but suggested USG should poll more students and present the sample to interim COLA Dean Alan Vaux.

"I think that would make a lot of sense instead of just passing the resolution," he said.

SIU President Glenn Poshard and interim Chancellor John Dunn also attended the meeting. Poshard discussed his 16 presidential goals, such as boosting student enrollment, and implored the student body to come up with ideas to help improve the university.

In response to a question about the BAS program, Poshard said there has been an ongoing debate about what can be done with a major for the program. He said it has been argued that the major would only lend itself to specialty jobs upon graduation.

"It's not that we don't want all of the students subjected to the study, but whether or not it is a degree which is valuable to you in terms of getting a job and so on — that's the debate that's out there," Poshard said.

Dunn said the university has taken an appropriate route with the internal and external reviews of the program that were recently conducted. He admitted the process could be slow, but he's optimistic.



JAKE LOCKARD ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**SIU President Glenn Poshard, left, and interim Chancellor John Dunn talk** before the start of the USG meeting Wednesday night in the Student Health Center Auditorium.

# Ethics hearing postponed

State files motion to dismiss SIUC professors' lawsuit

Ryan Rendleman  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A hearing set for Wednesday morning that could have halted punishment for non-compliant ethics test takers at SIUC has been rescheduled until next month.

Faculty Association President Marvin Zeman — who, along with mathematics professor Walter Wallis, filed a lawsuit against the state in February asking officials to abstain from punishing them for completing the test too quickly — said a preliminary injunction hearing was postponed after the Illinois state's attorney filed a motion to dismiss the case.

"They just want to make it go away," he said. "That happens all the time."

Ralph Loewenstein of the Hagen and Smith, P.C. law firm, who is representing Zeman and Wallis, said the Sangamon County judge in Springfield agreed Wednesday to give the firm time to write a response to the motion.

He said the response would be presented to the court April 3.

Zeman said a preliminary injunction would halt any action the state was planning to take against the employees until the court decided whether the lawsuit should be upheld. He said the punishment could include firing, which would violate the faculty's collective bargaining agreement with the university.

"The reasons that they cited are not things that are particularly surprising to us, but of course the fact that they filed it the day before the hearing late in the afternoon made it really impossible to adequately present to the court our response to it," he said.

Loewenstein said the motion to dismiss stated that the grounds for a lawsuit were legally insufficient. He said he was not surprised by the state's response, but doesn't believe the case should be dismissed.

Matthew Bilinsky, the state's attorney in the ethics case, did not return calls for comment Wednesday.

The office of the inspector general in November found 65 university faculty members in violation of a mini-

mum time limit placed on a statewide ethics exam all Illinois employees were required to complete in the fall.

The professors' lawsuit requested the state not pursue disciplinary action against SIUC faculty members who were deemed non-compliant after taking the test in less than 10 minutes.

Zeman said he thought it was unfair if punishment was dealt to those who finished the test under the specified time because such specifications appeared nowhere on the test.

Speedy exam takers were given the option of signing a non-compliance form, but Zeman refused and decided to take his grievance to the courts.

Inspector General spokesman Gilbert Jimenez said he could not comment on the court proceedings.

Zeman said the next step is to wait and see how the court rules regarding the motion to dismiss.

"We don't believe that they'll succeed, but then we don't know," he said. "Anytime you go to court, who knows what happens."

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— Marvin Zeman  
Faculty Association president

# Former Navy sailor arrested on terror charge

Matt Apuzzo  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A former Navy sailor was arrested Wednesday for allegedly releasing classified information that ended up in the hands of a suspected terrorism financier.

Hassan Abujihad, 31, of Phoenix, is accused in a case that began in Connecticut and followed a suspected terrorist network across the country and into Europe and the Middle East. He was arrested in Phoenix on charges of supporting terrorism with an intent to kill U.S. citizens and transmitting classified information to unauthorized people.

Abujihad, who is also known as Paul R. Hall, is charged in the same case as Babar Ahmad, a British computer specialist arrested in 2004 and accused of running Web sites to raise money for terrorism. Ahmad is scheduled to be extradited to the U.S. to face trial. During a search of Ahmad's computers, investigators discovered files containing classified information about the positions of U.S. Navy ships and discussing their susceptibility to attack.

Abujihad, a former enlisted man, exchanged e-mails with Ahmad while on active duty on the USS Benfold, a guided-missile destroyer, in 2000 and 2001, according to an affidavit released Wednesday.

## CONTRACT

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in less than a year between trustees and the Faculty Association since contract negotiations began in the late '90s.

Both sides have attributed the agreement to a peaceful negotiations process called interest based bargaining, in which negotiators lay out their

positions and work toward a compromise.

"This overwhelmingly positive vote affirms the faculty's support of the FA's efforts and the value of the bargaining teams' adherence to the principles of interest based bargaining," Amos said.

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OUR WORD

# Headlines we don't want to write

It seems every year, after any break, we have to write about bad news that happened during the off time. This year, we want it to be different. We hope these headlines don't make into the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

## Student dies in car crash

Almost every year, we hear about a fatal accident involving a student in a hurry to get home or too drunk to be on the road. Please slow down on the trip home, and make ample time for a leisurely trip back to Carbondale next week. And, of course, if you drink, don't drive.

## Professor disappears in Belize

Foreign travel involves visiting a land where the rules are different. And sometimes, the traffic comes from the other side of the road. Look both ways, and keep a tight grip on that passport.

## WMD cache found in Faner

Hans Blix was here. He may have looked around.

## Library collapses, tunnel remains

There's no way we weren't going to mention the tunnel. So, if the library were to collapse, unoccupied, we hope it takes out the Tunnel of Death on the way down. Or, on a brighter note, we hope construction goes so well that the tunnel can come down over break anyway.

## Poshard takes job as president of (insert school name here)

Seriously, we like him. No, really, we do. He's making some big changes around campus, and we look forward to what he has in store for the rest of the semester.

## Student returns to empty apartment

The bad guys know when you leave for break.



Fortunately, so do the good guys. Let the police know you'll be out of town and they'll make sure you can still sell that math textbook as "unused."

## Inferno devastates Brush Towers

Along with locking your doors, unplug that portable heater, turn that coffee pot off and blow out the "Fire" element of your feng shui bathroom.

## SIUC exhausts funds for poetry awards

We hope the cash keeps amassing in the various poetry contest coffers, because SIUC's poets look forward to

taking it all away. Congrats to all the winners.

## Enrollment doubles, Marketing department booms

or  
**Students denounce alcohol**

If any of these were to happen, we don't know what we'd write about on this page.

In short, let's make this a good, safe break. Have fun, because there's a lot of the semester left.

GUEST COLUMNIST

# Women in conflict make an awareness

**Justin Wolfe**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

After last weekend, I am embarrassed to admit I didn't know March was Women's History Month. I have always been distracted by the NCAA Tournament, how to get off work to watch basketball and who the Salukis were playing in the first round. This year I turned off Sportscenter and did something that didn't involve filling out a bracket.

I went to "The Vagina Monologues."

Before any men reading this roll their eyes and flip to the sports section, think about the following: 64 percent of women over the age of 18 who reported being raped, assaulted or stalked were victimized by their boyfriend or husband. And according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), this occurs every 90 seconds.

This abuse is an infringement against women and girls, and it is occurring in our own backyard. In 2005, Carbondale's Women's

Health Center reported 17,556 crisis phone calls, provided 5,174 shelter nights and reported that 1,005 people received domestic violence services.

Southern Illinois can change these numbers, and that's what a group of local women stood for last weekend. McLeod Theater was host to both a local and global movement for women's rights.

The V-Day spotlight this year is focused on "Women in Conflict Zones," a theme that includes recent and past atrocities. An ensemble piece, "Say It," tells the story of Japanese women who were "comfort women" for soldiers during World War II. They want a formal apology from the government for forcing them to become sex slaves, feeding them next to nothing and refusing protection from sexually transmitted diseases.

They have yet to receive the apology. In fact, the government refuses to acknowledge it ever happened.

"My Vagina is My Village" depicts the mass rape and physical assaults perpetuated against refugees from Bosnia and Kosovo. During the show, a group of women pose as soldiers and surround another woman as she screams. This is a difficult scene for me to watch, and not only because of its subject matter, but also because it hits too close to home for comfort.

At the time of publication, my mother, an SIUC graduate, is in war-torn Liberia. This is not her first or second trip, but a third to relieve a nation devastated by civil war. I could not help but let my thoughts drift to her, my anxiety spiking beyond its previously elevated level. However, so did my pride in her efforts to heal a country

This abuse is an infringement against women and girls, and it is occurring in our own backyard.

where, under the dictatorships of Samuel Doe and Charles Taylor, women were habitually raped and murdered.

It is appropriate that Liberia is now led by the first female head of state in the history of Africa. My mother met with President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf briefly on her second trip — one that was postponed because the Executive Mansion burned down — two women in conflict working toward peace. Their efforts were very much the same as every person in this weekend's performance of "The Vagina Monologues."

It is men's turn to act. I'm not going to quote John Mayer's "Daughters" to you or suggest that we take sensitivity training together. Simply learn to appreciate the most important feminine influences in your life, and then let them know that you care.

I know I do.

*Wolfe is a junior studying English education.*

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## WORDS OVERHEARD

"I've actually heard [construction workers] listening to Celine Dion, which I think is a very interesting, non-stereotypical view of construction men."

**Erika Wentzel**  
senior from Collinsville studying public relations, commenting on the construction of Morris Library



# INSIGHT



## For love of the music

Photo column by  
Jake Lockard ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nothing beats a good concert. I'm a firm believer in this after watching the Red Hot Chili Peppers perform Saturday night at Assembly Hall in Champaign. I was standing at the front of the stage, in front of the guardrails with my camera and photo pass when the lights went out. When the lights came back on, John Frusciante, Chad Smith and Flea were onstage. The band worked itself into a funky groove for a moment, and then Frusciante began to strum the opening riff of "Can't Stop," from the album "By the Way," and Chili Pepper front man Anthony Kiedis came bouncing onto the stage. Goosebumps spread across my arms like a forest fire as a wall of red lights

blanketed the stage with a warm glow, and the full band started the song. The Chili Peppers played a variety of songs from many of their albums, and thunderous applause followed each and every one of them. Watching them perform up close, I got the sense that they really loved playing music. When he wasn't singing, front man Anthony Kiedis would close his eyes and groove with the music. Flea, the bassist, always had the goofiest look on his face, and drummer Chad Smith just couldn't stop laughing. I couldn't help but smile as I watched them perform. It was refreshing to see such a talented band have a good time onstage, and it reminded me of why I love the Red Hot Chili Peppers. They are fun.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### DE utterly disregards culture

DEAR EDITOR:

Your newspaper missed a major story this week and failed to identify a great benefit to SIUC students. My staff and I sent the DE the same press release a half dozen times over the past several weeks, in person, by fax and by email, along with several follow-up telephone calls. Your office is a black hole—anything we send you disappears. Your staff consistently has no idea what we are talking about, despite multiple efforts to inform you. Your newspaper devotes numerous articles to high fees, rising tuition rates and SIUC's alleged inability to properly serve its students. We gave you an opportunity to publicize a high quality cultural series for which we have made a conscious effort to provide absolutely free admission to all SIUC students: the Spring semester Southern Illinois Symphony Series at Shryock Auditorium. For the past several years, student rush ticket prices for these events have been available for \$9.50; this semester the concerts are free

to students. Moreover, Tuesday's Southern Illinois Symphony concert (Stars of Altgeld) represented several great human interest stories involving students:

1. The concert featured three student winners of the annual Solo Competition—your colleagues who have studied, practiced and worked for years to develop their art;
2. The concert also featured a visiting chamber orchestra from St. Petersburg, Russia, which performed on its own and along with the Southern Illinois Symphony, for the beautiful Sixth Symphony of Tchaikovsky; and
3. These Russian musicians are all students at the St. Petersburg Conservatory of Music, one of the world's most prestigious music schools. They are in Carbondale for a three-day residency—performing four concerts—and staying with host families in our community. Their appearance helps foster positive international relations, at a time when national news organizations have been increasingly covering tensions between our two countries.

Your only mention of this event was a small 3-line item in the daily listing section this Monday.

This listing indicated ticket prices of \$19 and \$13, without any indication that SIUC students would be admitted free. You corrected this omission in Tuesday's paper, after one of my staff informed you of the problem. Clearly, your staff does not coherently read our press releases, as you listed the event but initially failed to mention the most pertinent aspect for your readers. Your lethargic response to this story is consistent with the utter disregard for culture I have witnessed from the DE in my 13 years as an SIUC professor. Based on previous experience, you would have butchered the story anyway, rewriting material from our press release by constructing sentences that have no logical meaning. I will no longer send you information, and thus students will miss out on learning about these opportunities. I suspect that you may not print this letter in its entirety; I plan to print it in future Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra programs.

**Edward Benyas**  
professor of music  
music director, Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra

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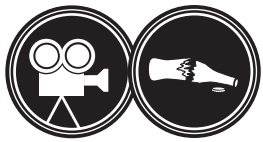
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# Big Muddy wrap-up

**Ben Erwin**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With a wider range of films and increased ticket sales, first-year Big Muddy Film Festival coordinator Sally Shafto said she considered the 29th annual event an “encouraging success.”

The festival, which ran from Feb. 22 through Sunday, ended with a “Best of the Fest” screening and the announcement of various award-winning films.

Among those most honored was Linda Hattendorf’s “The Cats of Mirikitani,” which documented the struggle of a formerly homeless Japanese-American.

“(The film is) a wonderful story about one man, but with much larger political implications,” Shafto said.

The film, which draws parallels between the internment of those of Japanese descent during World War II and the treatment of Muslims after Sept. 11, won the festival’s top prize in the categories of documentary and narrative.

Jurors Amy Granat, Babette Mangolte and Jonathan Rosenbaum chose the cash-prize winning films, but additional honors were awarded through “Audience Choice” awards and the John Michaels award.

For the Audience Choice awards, audience members voted for various films after each screening.

While awarding any “audience prize” can be a dubious process, both Shafto and mass communication and

media arts doctoral candidate Kwang-Woo Noh said audience members were able to choose praiseworthy films.

“Many audience members took the voting very seriously,” Shafto said.

In addition to audience choices, the John Michaels film award committee honored Bernard Debord’s “Sun and Death: Chernobyl and After...,” among other films, for their social and political content. While the John Michaels committee does not offer the same monetary award as jury prizes, Noh said receiving the award is still an honor.

“Giving an award does mean something and it’s very important, but being able to offer monetary prizes raises the profile of the award and of the festival,” Shafto said.

Shafto is already looking toward the Big Muddy’s upcoming 30th anniversary.

Shafto said she is considering the inclusion of fewer competition films while scaling the festival back to its previous length of 10 days. These possible changes are being considered because of constraints in both time and money.

Midnight screenings did especially well, but some showings were a mixed bag in terms of attendance, Shafto said. Screenings of “Dr. Strangelove” and sessions led by filmmakers Steve James and Amy Granat saw especially large crowds, while some of the competition and international films such as “Waiting for Happiness” and “The World” were seen by fewer viewers

## Big Muddy winners

### Cash award winners:

- Linda Hattendorf’s ‘The Cats of Mirikitani’
- Song E. Kim’s ‘Dinner Table,’ Ronnie Cramer’s ‘Pillow Girl’ and Christian Lebrat’s ‘Out of (K)Nowhere: A film by Anne Prat’
- Hugh Dorigo’s ‘Beyond Closed Doors,’ Isaac Brown and Eric Flagg’s ‘Gimmie Green,’ Melissa Thompson’s ‘Like a Ship in the Night,’ Bernard Debord’s ‘Sun and Death: Chernobyl and After...’ and Nick Szuberla and Amelia Kirby’s ‘Up the Ridge’
- Isaac Brown and Eric Flagg’s ‘Gimmie Green’

### Audience choice winners:

- Ric Esther Bienstock’s ‘Sex Slaves’
- Linda Hattendorf’s ‘The Cats of Mirikitani’
- Ronnie Cramer’s ‘Pillow Girl’
- Ariana Gerstein’s ‘Alice Sees the Light’

### John Michaels winner:

Bernard Debord’s ‘Sun and Death: Chernobyl and After...’

than expected.

“The problem is that audiences, if they don’t recognize a title or a director, are hesitant to see something new,” Shafto said.

Despite the mixed turnout to various films, Noh said the Big Muddy met the objectives of promoting international and independent cinema.

“Big Muddy has always, and will continue to, contribute to the diversity and variety of film events in Carbondale,” he said.

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Today

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**Hangar 9** — Head for the Hills  
**PK’s** — County Line  
**Tres Hombres** — Da Da Do (rock, reggae)  
**Stix** — live DJ

Friday

9

**Hangar 9** — Coal Train  
**PK’s** — Panacea  
**Gatsby’s II** — live DJ  
**Upside Downtown** — drag show

Saturday

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**PK’s** — Panacea  
**Houlihan’s** — Walter Niede  
**Hangar 9** — Family Groove Company  
**Mugsy McGuire’s** — Annihilate the Hero

Sunday

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**Key West** — Ivas John Band  
**Blue Sky Vineyard and Winery** — Sunday in the Park series with Six String Ride

Monday

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**Hangar 9** — Open Mic

Tuesday

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**Hangar 9** — Punk Soul Brutha DJ show  
**Tres Hombres** — County Line

Wednesday

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**Houlihan’s** — Walter Niede  
**Longbranch Coffee House** — open mic

Thursday

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**Hangar 9** — Sam West Trio  
**Gatsby’s II** — live DJ

Friday

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**Hangar 9** — Defined Perception  
**PK’s** — Moon Buggy Kids

Saturday

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**Pinch Penny/Copper Dragon** — Green Day tribute band Dookie  
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109 Glenview  
507 S. Hays #1  
509 S. Hays  
511 S. Hays  
208 W. Hospital #2  
212 W. Hospital  
611 W. Kennicott  
610 S. Logan  
409 E. Mill  
413 W. Monroe  
417 W. Monroe  
400 W. Oak #1  
402 W. Oak #E, W  
501 W. Oak  
505 N. Oakland  
511 N. Oakland  
602 N. Oakland  
1305 E. Park Lane  
506 S. Poplar #3,4,7

509 S. Rawlings #5  
913 W. Sycamore  
1619 W. Sycamore  
820 W. Walnut #1, 2  
168 Watertower Drive  
504 S. Washington  
506 S. Washington  
406 W. Willow

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410 S. Ash  
504 S. Ash #3  
409 S. Beveridge  
502 S. Beveridge #1  
503 S. Beveridge  
209 W. Cherry  
405 W. Cherry  
501 W. Cherry  
312 W. College #3  
401 W. College #1-4  
809 W. College  
305 Crestview  
507 S. Hays #1  
509 S. Hays #1  
212 W. Hospital  
610 S. Logan  
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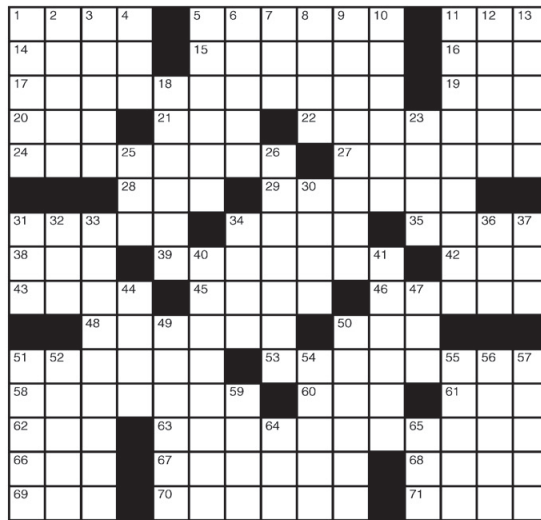
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**ACROSS**  
1 Bulk  
5 "A Streetcar Named Desire" character  
11 Remote  
14 Empowered  
15 Made neat  
16 Fuss  
17 Celestial pulsar  
19 Dine  
20 Inhuman creatures  
21 Crumb carrier  
22 Formal letter  
24 Lack of color  
27 Shortcomings  
28 Commercial pieces  
29 Part of an eye  
31 Really small  
34 Fast-food option  
35 Easy task  
38 Annapolis letters  
39 Excoriate  
42 Bullpen stat  
43 Cry out loud  
45 Rabbit relative  
46 Waistcoats  
48 Dwell  
50 Lawn moisture  
51 Personal views  
53 Wheel of fortune?  
58 Drunker  
60 Bellow  
61 Competed  
62 Eminem's music  
63 Becomes more level  
66 Small bill  
67 Imposes, as taxes  
68 Catholic leader  
69 Mouse surface  
70 Puts up  
71 Mimic

**DOWN**  
1 Craze  
2 Aids in wrongdoing  
3 Partly melted snow  
4 Immovable  
5 Rocks  
6 Traces of color  
7 Asner and Ames



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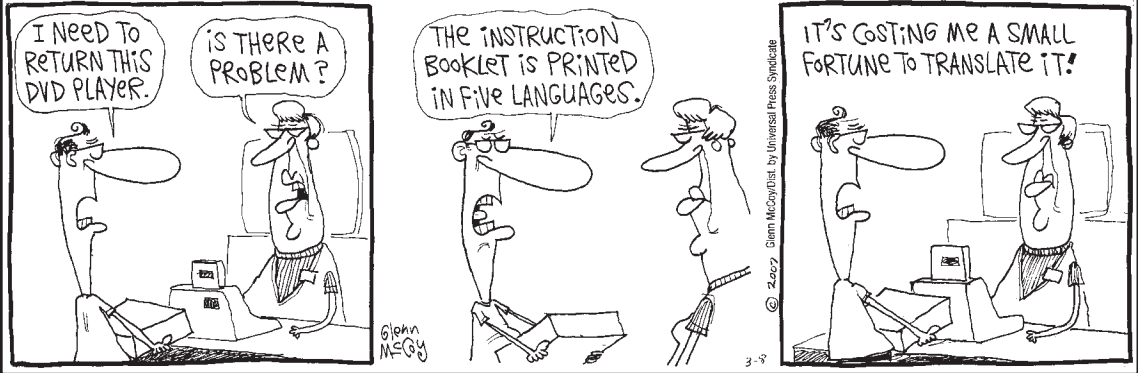
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47 She sheep  
49 Quell  
50 Illegal coercion  
51 Barber's sharpener  
52 Climbing vine  
54 Two quartets  
55 Group of scouts  
56 Brownish gray  
57 Word on a door  
59 Glowing review  
64 Muscle spasm  
65 Whirlpool tub



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3								6
			3	1	9	6		
			6	7	2	5		
1								7
	3			4			2	
2	7	5				3	4	9

Level: **1** 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

4	7	8	5	6	9	3	2	1
9	3	2	1	7	4	5	6	8
1	5	6	2	3	8	9	4	7
5	4	1	3	2	7	6	8	9
8	6	9	4	1	5	2	7	3
3	2	7	8	9	6	4	1	5
6	9	3	7	8	2	1	5	4
7	1	4	6	5	3	8	9	2
2	8	5	9	4	1	7	3	6

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**Today's Birthday (03-08-07).** You'll make wonderful discoveries this year. You'll venture farther out than you even knew existed. Take care; there will be surprises, and not all of them are pleasant. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8** - Finish an old task and you can collect the money that you're owed. The task may simply be asking for the money. You can do it; don't be afraid.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6** - Take a back seat, and let somebody else do the driving for a while. Better yet, stay out of the vehicle altogether. There's too much confusion out there.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8** - You're asked to take on a new and very difficult assignment. Don't worry; luck is with you in this. Proceed with confidence.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7** - An otherwise blissful interlude is rudely interrupted. The disagreement is about how the money should be spent. Postpone big purchases until next week.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5** - Real estate and home improvements are usually well favored. This time, however, your purchase could spark a domestic confrontation. Better talk it over first.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7** - As you reach the next level, you find that you've outgrown some of your methods. You may need to revise your procedures and update your equipment, too.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8** - Finally, the money's coming in. All that work was not for nothing. Unfortunately, a loved one and-or child wants you to take them shopping.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8** - You're the strong silent type for a reason. That's how you're most effective. Maintain the mystery now; excessive info will cause confusion.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7** - You're more interested in working now because you must. You do well under pressure; maybe that's why you wait. You love that adrenalin rush.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8** - Discuss your most recent insights with friends who can help you understand. The part that at first is the most confusing turns out to be the most basic.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 9** - There's plenty of money to be made, if you can do what's required. To be part of the team, you must learn there's always someone who outranks you.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8** - Encouragement from far away is certainly heart warming. But, can you accept adoration from one who doesn't know the whole story? Sure, if it makes them feel good.

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**ZARUE**

□ □ ○ □ □

**VIEWEL**

○ ○ □ □ □ ○

**YIELDE**

□ □ □ ○ ○ ○

**A:** ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ - "○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DECAT ASSAY RAMROD FALTER

Answer: When the astronomy students finished studying, they were — "STARRY" EYED

You have the snob appeal we need

THE SHARP DRESSER GOT THE JOB AT THE MEN'S STORE BECAUSE HE WAS



**Mark Kelly bats during the SIU vs. Central Michigan game**  
Feb. 23 at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis were defeated by Murray State 9-8 Wednesday afternoon.  
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**BULLPEN**

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“It hasn’t really been much of a confidence issue. We just need to get back out there,” Choate said. “We’ll spend the next few days working with (pitching) coach Tim Dixon and try to work this stuff out.”

Choate’s record dropped to 1-1 on the season after falling behind the count on each hitter he faced in the ninth, and the relievers allowed six runs in the last two innings.

Dixon said the bullpen needs to feel more comfortable pitching with the lead.

“Coming out of the bullpen with

the lead, they need to pop the zone — and we were walking way too many guys,” Dixon said. “We had a chance to put away some hitters and we didn’t finish. It’s inconsistency that’s hurting the bullpen right now and I know they aren’t tired because our starters are going deep into games.”

SIU (9-5) outhit the Racers 16-10 but it wasn’t enough to compensate for the bullpen’s late collapse.

Despite the loss, the Saluki offense played well with their backs against the wall.

In the top of the ninth, SIU tallied three runs to regain a one-run lead.

After sophomore third baseman Scott Elmendorf tripled to

right center, he scored on a single by Adam Hills.

Hills, a junior, then scored on a double from Kelly before junior outfielder Dean Cademartori knocked him in on a sacrifice fly.

The Saluki offense remained hot after the weekend series against Northern Illinois when SIU took two of three from the Huskies while scoring 23 runs in the series.

Sophomore designated hitter Mark Kelly led the attack for the Salukis going 3-for-5 with three RBI and two doubles.

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“I think with them doing that it made people feel better because I think the big concern was financially how our budgets were going to be able to handle that travel. That was a definite concern,” Kill said. “They answered that concern and I think (that) made the (athletic directors) feel a little bit better about the travel expenses.”

The Bison were the No. 5 ranked team in the Sports Network Top 25

poll last season, while the Jackrabbits finished the season at No. 22.

“I think anybody in the league, if they say you got a choice to play North Dakota State or another school, they’re going to pick the other school,” Kill said. “Those are like playing Division I programs, and they’re not going to leave the league. They’re going to be there.”

SIU and North Dakota State last faced each other Nov. 9, 2005 at McAndrew Stadium. The Salukis won 9-0 against the then-No. 20 Bison.

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SIU will play against four teams this season that finished last season in the top 25. Those teams are Youngstown State (Oct. 6), Northern

Iowa (Oct. 13), Illinois State (Nov. 10) and Hampton (Nov. 17).

The Salukis finished last season 9-4, making the playoffs and defeating Tennessee-Martin, 36-30, in the first round. SIU bowed out to Montana in the second round, losing 20-3.

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“It’s pretty much his grades right now, and once he clears all the hurdles with the NCAA, he’ll be good to go,” Szabo said. “He’s definitely going to Southern Illinois University to play basketball but he won’t be able to sign until this semester is over.”

The Bloomington Raiders are 22-7 this season and went 21-1 in

the Big 12, winning the conference title. Bocot has averaged 19.7 points per game.

Christian Spears, SIU’s assistant athletic director of compliance, said no one associated with the university can comment on a potential recruit or player until he or she signs a National Letter of Intent.

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**INCREASE**

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governor’s budget, and it may be possible to get more than that as we go along,” he said.

Overall, Blagojevich made little mention of higher education in his combined State of the State and budget address Wednesday.

Sen. David Luechtefeld, a Republican from Okawville, said it seems that higher education looks to get about the same amount of funding it received last year.

“He did mention a huge increase in education, but by far that majority goes toward K-12,” he said.

Luechtefeld said one of the problems with lobbying for higher education is the fact that a small number of state legislators have four-year universities in their districts. He is one of only nine representatives and nine senators in the state representing the universities.

Poshard noted Blagojevich’s budget for higher education came in higher than what the Board of Higher Education proposed.

“That has to be viewed in a positive light,” he said. “We’ll just have to keep working on it. The process is just beginning.”

The university also has a chance to acquire additional money in the budget in the form of performance-based funds for teaching and nursing programs, Poshard said.

David Gross, executive assistant to the president for government relations, said the governor intends for these funds to improve the quality of graduates entering those professions. Gross said he is confident the programs at SIUC and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville can meet those goals.

“We’re well prepared to compete for those funds,” he said.

Gross also said university officials are prepared to take advantage of the possibility of a capital bill that Blagojevich cited as a priority. The capital bill would help pay for large-scale projects at the university — including construction at Morris Library and the proposed \$42 million Transportation Education Center, Gross said.

“All the conversation about a capital bill is headed in the right direction,” he said. “We need the money for the library, we need the money for the tech center to keep moving forward, and that’s exciting news about those projects with them being listed as priorities the governor wants to build and see if he can get a capital bill passed this year.”

Poshard said he is optimistic about additional funding for the Morris Library project, scheduled for completion in December 2008.

“As the process goes on, we’re going to try to get the entire \$14 million which is an overrun on the cost of Morris Library so we can finish it up,” he said. “We’re going for that, and hopefully we can get that.”

Gross said Blagojevich’s budget — which will now move to the general assembly for approval — is a step in the right direction financially as long as the governor gets due revenue from increasing taxes on big business.

“This budget will only survive if the kind of revenue that he seeks actually are produced,” he said. “That’s what we’re going to be watching unfold over the next few months.”

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A new tax on business transactions would produce about \$6 billion a year, while a new payroll tax would generate an additional \$1 billion.

By comparison, Illinois took in only \$1 billion from the first full year of the income tax in 1971.

Blagojevich said the new tax would not hurt the economy or cause serious pain for consumers. Small businesses would be exempt, and manufacturers would pay a lower rate than service businesses.

But Republican lawmakers say the Democratic governor’s idea to tax corporations won’t affect small businesses and consumers is beyond puzzling.

“As it is, I can’t vote for this budget,” said Rep. Mike Bost, who represents Carbondale and has not voted for a Blagojevich budget yet.

Sen. David Luechtefeld said the increases would trickle down to the consumer, despite what the governor says.

“(The gross receipts tax) is supposed to raise \$6 billion. Stop a minute and think about who will be paying that \$6 billion?” he said. “It’s really a hidden sales tax is what it is.”

Blagojevich presented the gross receipts tax as a way to modernize the state’s tax system and make it more fair.

“This will close corporate loopholes, give the middle class the tax relief they need and allow us to meet our needs on schools, health care and pensions,” said the

governor, who began his second term in January.

Blagojevich won re-election partly because of his promise not to raise taxes. His aides said this budget does not break that promise because the governor specified that his pledge applied to the income and sales tax.

In addition, his proposed increases apply to businesses, not individuals.

No matter what kind of taxes, they still add up to the largest increase in Illinois history.

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole said some of the proposals in Blagojevich’s combined State of the State and budget address were bewildering.

“This governor is trying all he can do to send businesses to every state around us,” said Cole, who is also a Republican.

“Now he is going to put some burdensome tax on, so when you get a haircut or use some service, you will be paying for that. Where’s the money going to come from? It’s going to come from the people and the people can’t afford it anymore.”

The administration argues many businesses pay little or no income tax, and the growing service sector of the economy is also under-taxed. Taxing gross receipts would reach companies that now escape some taxes and also would apply to services, such as legal advice.

Cole said he fears for Carbondale’s small businesses and worries that they will leave the state in general.

“We’re probably going to have to put gates on the entrances and

exits of town so that small businesses won’t leave,” Cole said.

Rep. John Bradley, a Democrat from Marion, said the speech’s proposals were too vague to form an opinion, but as chairman of the House’s revenue committee, he plans to look closely at the governor’s ideas.

“I commend him for trying to take on issues like healthcare and education, but I have grave concerns about some of the proposals that were thrown out,” he said.

“We don’t have enough information other than what was in the speech to know how encompassing this is and to what extent it will affect different groups.”

Bradley said he was most distressed that the governor said next to nothing about the electricity rate hikes, which he called one of the most important issues facing Illinoisans.

Blagojevich said he’s eager to sign legislation protecting consumers, but he didn’t spell out what the legislation should do or demand that lawmakers take action.

Bost said rather than wait for a bill to come to the governor’s desk, Blagojevich should be a leader on the issue. By barely addressing it in his speech, Blagojevich seemed to dismiss it, Bost said.

“That was very disrespectful to the people who are suffering like they are,” he said.

“Be the leader, move forward, come down and argue this issue.”

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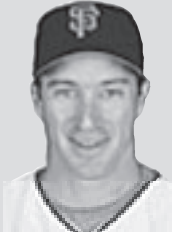
### Saluki Insider

With college basketball holding its conference tournaments and the NCAA tournament approaching, there are many candidates for Player of the Year. Who is the best college basketball player in the nation?



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"Kevin Durant. Easy answer, yes, but it's easy because he's averaging 25.1 points and 11.4 rebounds per game!"



**SALUKI TRACKER**  
STEVE FINLEY

"I believe the Player of the Year award is going to Alando Tucker from Wisconsin. I am a Big Ten guy and he is leading the fourth-ranked Badgers by scoring averaging 20.1 points per game. I think the Badgers are going to go further in the tournament than Ohio State and Kansas."

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"Clearly the best player in all the land is Luc Richard Mbah A Moute from UCLA. Sure he doesn't boast the greatest numbers in the world but his name's a lot of fun to say. Try it, you'll enjoy yourself pronouncing the stud's name. Besides, UCLA is probably the best pick to go to the Final Four outside of a slumping Florida simply because they've been there before."

**Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?**  
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SPORTS BRIEFS

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**Senior receives more accolades**

Saluki senior guard Jamaal Tatum has won a plethora of awards this season. Tatum has already been named MVC Player of the Year and earned a spot on the MVC All-Academic team. On Tuesday, Tatum was voted onto the U.S. Basketball Writers Association and the National Association of Basketball Coaches all-district first teams. Junior forward Randal Falker was named to the NABC all-district second team.

Junior guard Jayme Sweere made the second team and the All-Defensive team. Sweere leads SIU with 51 steals and is second on the team with 11.3 points per game. Sophomore guard Erica Smith was able to grab an honorable mention and freshman forward Dana Olsen made the All-Freshman team. Smith averages 6.9 points per game and leads the team with 80 assists. Olsen has started 21 games for the Salukis and is third on the team averaging 8.7 points per game.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**Four Salukis make All-MVC**

The SIU women's basketball team placed four on the All-Missouri Valley Conference teams. Senior forward Carlai Moore made the first team All-MVC. Moore leads the Salukis with 14.4 points per game and is shooting 57.3 percent.

**MEN'S GOLF**  
**Senior named Golfer of the Week**

SIU senior golfer Andrew Gwinup was named the Missouri Valley Conference Golfer of the Week. The award was given to Gwinup for the first time in his career as a Saluki. Gwinup won the award after placing seventh in the Grover Page Classic in Jackson, Tenn. Gwinup carded his best round at two under par with a round of 70, he also shot rounds of 72 and 78 to close out the tournament. Gwinup finished ahead of 79 other golfers in the tournament with a final score of 220.

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FOOTBALL

# Gateway adds two teams



SIU coach Jerry Kill watches the action from the sidelines from a 2006 Saluki game. The Salukis' 2007 schedule and two additions to the Gateway Football Conference were announced Wednesday.

## Bison, Jackrabbits to join conference

Scott Mieszala  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two more teams will call the Gateway Football Conference home in 2008. The conference will expand to nine teams with the addition of North Dakota State and South Dakota State for the 2008 season. This comes in the wake of

Western Kentucky leaving the Gateway Conference, announced in November 2006. "Talking to the people that have been in it a lot longer than I have, I think they felt it was a necessity due to losing Western Kentucky and making sure that we had the amount of teams that they've had in the past," SIU football coach Jerry Kill said.

The North Dakota State Bison and South Dakota State Jackrabbits both paid \$250,000 to the teams currently in the Gateway. The money, paid to address budget and extra travel concerns, will be divided up among the teams already in the Gateway, Kill said.

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"I think our league now will be — we talk about it being one of the best in 1-AA — I think it will be the best with bringing those two teams in the conference.

— Jerry Kill  
SIU football coach

## Saluki football announces schedule for 2007-2008 season

Scott Mieszala  
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It's now safe to mark your calendars for the SIU football team's 2007 season. The Salukis' fall schedule was released Wednesday, and SIU will be kicking off its season Aug. 30 playing

Quincy at home. The schedule ends on a tough note against Hampton, a team that finished last season with a 10-2 record and ranked No. 11 in the nation. "It very may come down to that game whether we get into the national playoffs or not," Saluki coach Jerry

Kill said. "I think it's very competitive and we're going to have to step up." In addition to traveling to Hampton, Va., for the final game of the season, SIU will also play an out of conference road game at Southern Utah. The Salukis also have a road game at Division I-A Northern Illinois

scheduled for Sept. 8 — making for a total of six road games and five home games in the 2007 season. "I wish we didn't have to travel as far as we have to travel, going to Southern Utah and going to Hampton," Kill said. See SCHEDULE, Page 14

2007 - 2008 Saluki Football Schedule			
Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time
Aug. 30	vs. Quincy	Carbondale	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Northern Illinois	DeKalb	TBA
Sept. 15	at Southern Utah	Cedar City, Utah	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	vs. Arkansas - Pine Bluff	Carbondale	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Indiana State	Terre Haute, Ind.	TBA
Oct. 6	vs. Youngstown	Carbondale	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls, Iowa	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 20	vs. Missouri State	Carbondale	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Western Illinois	Macomb	1:05 p.m.
Nov. 10	vs. Illinois State	Carbondale	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	at Hampton	Hampton, Va.	12 p.m.

2006 - 2007 Saluki Football Results			
Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Score
Aug. 31	vs. Lock Haven	Carbondale	W 49-0
Sept. 16	at Indiana	Bloomington, Ind.	W 35-28
Sept. 23	at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, Ark.	W 48-16
Sept. 30	vs. Indiana State	Carbondale	W 55-3
Oct. 7	vs. Western Illinois	Carbondale	W 31-24
Oct. 14	at Illinois State	Normal	L 37-10
Oct. 21	vs. Western Kentucky	Carbondale	L 27-24
Oct. 28	at Missouri State	Springfield, Mo.	W 27-17
Nov. 4	at Youngstown State	Youngstown, Ohio	L 31-24
Nov. 11	vs. Northern Iowa	Carbondale	W 47-23
Nov. 18	vs. Southern Utah	Carbondale	W 59-0
Nov. 18	vs. Tennessee-Martin	Carbondale	W 36-30
Nov. 18	at Montana	Missoula, Mont.	L 20-3

MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Bloomington senior gives SIU verbal commitment

Matt Hartwig  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For five weeks straight, the SIU men's basketball team has grabbed media attention from the Associated Press Top 25 poll, and now the recognition is paying dividends off the court. The No. 14 Salukis received a verbal commitment from Bloomington High School senior guard Justin Bocot. Bocot is widely regarded as one of the top guard prospects in Illinois for the 2007 class and is ranked fifth among shooting guards by chicago-hoops.com. The 6-foot-2-inch, 170-pound shooting guard selected SIU over Iowa State, Illinois, DePaul, Iowa and Purdue. Bocot played with Iowa State freshman guard Dodie Dunson in 2005 at Bloomington High School before Dunson left for prep school. After an unofficial visit to SIU during Feb. 23, Bocot made his decision. Now the only thing standing in the way of Bocot joining Kokomo High School guard Brandon Wood, Putnam County high school forward Carlton Fay and Carbondale High School center/forward Nick Evans is academics. Bloomington High School Athletic Director John Szabo said it should only be a matter of time before Bocot is officially a Saluki.

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BASEBALL

# SIU bullpen falters in loss

Matt Hartwig  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Saluki bullpen couldn't hold up it's end of the bargain in a 9-8 loss to Murray State. After another comeback effort from the offense Wednesday, SIU didn't have a chance to respond to Racer's third baseman Tyler Owen's two-RBI double down the left field line to end the game. Saluki baseball coach Dan Callahan said the team executed well on offense but the pitching staff didn't do what it needed to. "The walks killed us and it was disheartening to watch, but I'd be out of line if I singled anyone out," Callahan said. "We switched up a bunch of pitchers and it didn't work out, so we need to find a way to regroup these pitchers." Freshman reliever Tyler Choate took the loss after allowing Owen's RBI double in the bottom of the ninth. Choate pitched two-thirds of an inning, giving up two hits and a walk. Choate said he doesn't expect the feeling to carry over to this weekend's series against Youngstown State.

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